

How Does It Work?

Michigan CDBG funding is available for economic development projects including infrastructure projects, business parks and facilities, project-specific planning, innovative and discretionary projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE - Communities may request grants to provide public infrastructure improvements necessary for the location, expansion, and/or retention of a specific for-profit business firm(s) which are engaged in an economic base activity (e.g. manufacturing, point-of-destination tourism, headquarter operations, major multi-state distribution facility). Public infrastructure includes items such as: public water or sanitary sewer lines and related facilities, streets, roads, bridges and public utilities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING - Grants are available to help communities accomplish project-specific, public planning and design work that is likely to lead to an eligible economic development implementation project. Local matching funds are typically required to show that there is local commitment for the project.

DOWNTOWNS AND GATEWAYS - Communities may request grants to provide public infrastructure improvements necessary for the location, expansion, and growth of specific for-profit businesses, which are or will locate in a downtown or a significant gateway to a downtown area. Public infrastructure could include such items as: public water or sanitary sewer lines and related facilities, streets, bridges, and public utilities. For additional information, go to the [programs section](#) of our website.

PUBLIC WORKS - The MEDC will provide funds for public works activities as CDBG funds are available. Preferred public works projects are projects that upgrade existing public infrastructure systems either by replacing deteriorating or obsolete systems or by adding needed capacity to existing systems. In addition, funds under this program can be utilized for public facilities which will have significant impact throughout the community. Projects must benefit low and moderate income households.

UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE PROJECTS - Discretionary grants will be considered based on special and/or unique needs or situations requiring innovative program approaches not specifically provided for in regular economic development infrastructure grants. This may include brownfield site redevelopment, downtown development, general public infrastructure activities.